

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.-113. (Cancelled)

114. (New) An assembly, comprising:

at least one blister card; and

a medical dispenser removably holding the at least one blister card inserted therein, the at least one blister card holding a desired number of medical doses and having at least one indentation, and said dispenser provides information for a user in relation to taking at least one of the desired number of medical doses,

the medical dispenser including:

a stationary member for introduction into the at least one indentation of the at least one blister card if the at least one blister card is fully introduced into the medical dispenser, and

a first detector that detects the at least one blister card if the stationary member is introduced into the at least one indentation,

such that the stationary member prevents a blister card not having an indentation from being fully introduced into the medical dispenser and being detected by the first detector.

115. (New) The assembly according to claim 114, wherein the at least one blister card includes at least one selected from the group consisting of at least one additional indentation, a hole and a protrusion at each of a plurality of desired positions, and

the medical dispenser includes a second detector that detects the at least one of the at least one additional indentation, the hole and the protrusion at each of the plurality of desired positions, and a processor that operates the medical dispenser on the basis of an output from the second detector.

116. (New) The assembly according to claim 115, wherein the medical dispenser monitors, from each of the plurality of desired positions of the at least one blister card where the at least one of the at least one additional indentation, the hole and the protrusion is detected, at least one of:

a frequency of recommended intake of the desired number of medical doses,

recommended points in time of intake of the desired number of medical doses, and

a manner of informing the user when to take the desired number of medical doses.

117. (New) The assembly according to claim 116, wherein the second detector has, at each of the plurality of desired positions, a mechanical switch that is displaced if the at least one of the at least one additional indentation, the hole and the protrusion exists at the desired position of the at least one blister card.

118. (New) The assembly according to claim 116, wherein the medical dispenser further comprises a sensor that determines a compliance of the user's intake of the desired number of medical doses based on:

a desired medication schedule identified by the presence or absence of the at least one of at least one additional indentation, the hole and the protrusion at the desired positions of the at least one blister card, and

information relating to points in time when the user gains access to at least one of the desired number of medical doses.

119. (New) The assembly according to claim 116, wherein the medical dispenser further comprises an indicator that informs the user to take one of the desired number of medical doses; and a timer that determines if it is time to inform the user based on:

a desired medication schedule identified by the presence or absence of the at least one of the at least one additional indentation, the hole and the protrusion at the plurality of desired positions of the at least one blister card, and

a clocking device.

120. (New) The assembly according to claim 116, wherein the medical dispenser receives, from the user, information relating to at least one of:

how to calculate compliance, and
how to inform the user of compliance.

121. (New) The assembly according to claim 120, wherein the at least one of the at least one additional indentation, the hole and the protrusion of the at least one blister card is made subsequent to manufacture of the at least one blister card, and

the medical dispenser derives the information from the at least one of at least one additional indentation, the hole and the protrusion made subsequent to manufacture of the at least one blister card.

122. (New) The assembly according to claim 116, wherein the medical dispenser further comprises a third detector that detects if the user gains access to at least one of the desired number of medical doses.

123. (New) The assembly according to claim 116, wherein the medical dispenser further comprises a sensor that determines if the user gains access to at least one of the desired number of medical doses.

124. (New) The assembly according to claim 114, wherein the medical dispenser holds the at least one blister card in a manner so that the at least one blister card is curved in a direction at least substantially along a longitudinal direction of the at least one blister card.

125. (New) The assembly according to claim 124, wherein the medical dispenser receives the at least one blister card, in the slot, in a direction along the longitudinal direction of the at least one blister card.

126. (New) The assembly according to claim 124, wherein the medical dispenser has a first surface and is adapted to bias an edge portion of each blister card being received in the medical dispenser against the first surface.

127. (New) The assembly according to claim 126, wherein the detector is positioned a desired distance from the first surface and is able to detect the at least one blister card positioned between the detector and the first surface.

128. (New) A blister card for use in the assembly according to claim 116, the blister card comprising:

at least one blister holding at least one of the desired number of medical doses.

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